

**Listing of the Claims:**

1. (original) A hair straightening device comprising:  
a body having a first portion including an inner surface, a first side, and a second side,  
and a second portion including an inner surface, a first side, and a second side;  
a hinge disposed near the first sides of the first and second portions pivotally  
connecting the first and second portions;  
a plurality of bristles disposed on at least one of the inner surfaces of the first and  
second portions; and  
a fastener mechanism disposed near the second sides of the inner surface of the first  
and second portions.
2. (original) The hair straightening device of claim 1, wherein the hinge is a seam  
pivotally connecting the first and second portions.
3. (original) The hair straightening device of claim 1, wherein the bristles are  
constructed from one part of a hook and loop fastener.
4. (original) The hair straightening device of claim 1, wherein the bristles are  
constructed from one part of a VELCRO® material.
5. (original) The hair straightening device of claim 1, wherein the first and  
second portions are two halves of a single portion.
6. (currently amended) The hair straightening device of claim 1, wherein the a  
first part of the fastener is a hook material comprising the bristles on the first portion, and a  
second part of the fastener is a loop material disposed near the second side of the second  
portion.
7. (currently amended) The hair straightening device of claim 1, wherein the a  
first part of the fastener is a first part of a VELCRO® material comprising the bristles on the  
first portion, and a second part of the fastener is a second part of the VELCRO® material  
disposed near the second side of the second portion.

8. (original) The hair straightening device of claim 1, wherein the bristles are integral to one of the first and second portions.

9. (canceled)

10. (original) The hair straightening device of claim 1, wherein the first and second portions have a generally rectangular shape, wherein the hinge is located along a long side of the generally rectangular portions.

11. (original) A hair straightening device comprising:  
a generally rectangular body having a first portion including an inner surface, a first side and a second side, and a second portion including an inner surface, a first side and a second side, wherein the first and second sides of the first and second portions define long sides of the generally rectangular body;  
a hinge disposed near the first sides of the first and second portions pivotally connecting the first and second portions;  
a plurality of bristles disposed on the inner surfaces of both the first and second portions of the body; and  
a fastener mechanism disposed near the second side on the inner surface of the first and second portions.

12. (original) The hair straightening device of claim 11, wherein the hinge is a seam pivotally connecting the first and second portions.

13. (original) The hair straightening device of claim 11, wherein the bristles are constructed from one part of a hook and loop fastener.

14. (original) The hair straightening device of claim 11, wherein the bristles are constructed from one part of a VELCRO® material.

15. (original) The hair straightening device of claim 11, wherein the first and second portions are two halves of a single portion.

16. (currently amended) The hair straightening device of claim 11, wherein the a first part of the fastener is a hook material comprising the bristles on the first portion, and a second part of the fastener is a loop material disposed near the second side of the second portion.

17. (original) The hair straightening device of claim 11, wherein a first part of the fastener is a first part of a VELCRO® material comprising the bristles on the first portion, and a second part of the fastener is a second part of the VELCRO® material disposed near the second side of the second portion.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A method of straightening hair comprising:  
opening a body of a hair straightening device, the body including a first portion including an inner surface having a plurality of bristles, a first side, and a second side, and a second portion including an inner surface, a first side, and a second side, wherein the first and second portions are pivotally connected at a hinge disposed near the first sides;  
placing strands of hair between the first and the second portions of the hair straightening device such that the strands of hair lay substantially parallel to the first and second sides of the first and second portions; and  
closing the body by with a fastener mechanism disposed near the second sides, thereby securing the hair straightening device on the strands of hair.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 19, further including engaging the strands of hair with the bristles ~~disposed on at least one of the inner surfaces of the first and second portions.~~

21. (original) The method of claim 19, further including wetting the strands of hair.

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22. (original) The method of claim 19, further including traversing the hair straightening device along and in a direction parallel to the strands of hair.